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THE CARRIER

The monthly newsletter for the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club

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Friday November 21, 2025
7pm
Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane Lafayette
License Testing 5:30pm

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THIS MONTH

RDC 2025, a Zero Retries view of Pacificon 2025, M17 - an Open-Source Digital Voice mode, the LinHT, and SuperPeaters

By Steve Stroh, N8GNJ and Tina Stroh, KD7WSF

Steve and Tina will talk (via ZOOM) about the recently concluded Zero Retries Digital Conference 2025. Steve will talk about the *Zero Retries* newsletter, the "Zero Retries Interesting" things he saw at Pacificon 2025, why the (obscure) M17 Digital Voice Mode is important to support in Amateur Radio, the LinHT (Linux Handheld Transceiver) that is a handheld (user defined) Sofware Defined Radio, and Steve's SuperPeater concept which he wrote a paper about in conjunction with ZRDC 2025.

N8GNJ

KD7WSF

The meeting will also be held virtually, via the Zoom video system. The meeting access ID and password will be distributed via groups.io email announcement.

We have many accomplished and experienced club members. After all, we are an ARRL Special Service Club! The club is looking for amateur radio or communications topics that you or someone you know could present at a future club meeting.

An alternative might be several short presentations on different topics made by multiple persons.

Please direct your suggestions to info@mdarc.org.

Your contribution is vital for the continued success of MDARC. We are eager to hear from you!

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FREE CLUB E-MAIL GROUP AT:

https://groups.io/g/MDARC

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November 2025

MDARC Family,

Tis the season for new windshield wiper blades and during the last few days I've been able to "Test" them….and they work great. Also, time to use a headlight restoration kit to remove the oxidation, buff out the minor scratches and dings, and finally apply a protective coating. I needed both the new wiper blades and polished headligts since I will be heading North to Oregon to stay with my dad for the next month. If it is rainy here in somewhat sunny Concord, it sure will be rainy on the Oregon Coast.

I always have my VHF/UHF mobile rig available, but I am also taking some HF radio gear. So, with Operator's Manual in hand, I hope to learn how to use my Yaesu FT-891 rig. I will be trying several antenna setups. First will be with my Gabil GRA-7350T portable antenna with its tripod. Second I will remove the antenna from the Gabil loading coil and attach a 17-foot telescopic whip antenna. Lastly, I will try a 20M end-fed dipole set up as a sloper on a 30' Jackite pole and stand. All of this will be a definite learning opportunity for me.

Say, if you have any tips for me about using the Yaesu FT-891 or about using either the Gabil portable antenna or 20M EFHF sloper antenna, let me know. Like where to orient the I'm open to all the advice and tips I can get. Please contact me at kk6qpe@gmail.com . Need to contact Europe or Japan from GPS coordinates: 44.426785, -124.068733.

PACIFICON? I hope you went this year. There was lots to see, many opportunities to learn, and plenty of old and new friends to reconnect with. Mark your calendars now for the third weekend in October 16-18, 2026.

MDARC Election? If you are a current MDARC member, you should have received an email with the electronic ballot. Yes, I know that most of the positions are running uncontested except for Director at Large. But even those running uncontested like to know by your vote that you support them. It makes them feel good!

There is still time to vote! Election closes the evening of the November 21st General Membership Meeting.

November usually marks the end of the public service "season" and if you look at MDARC's Public Service page you will see that there are at least 40 events with MDARC and local amateur radio clubs that you could choose to participate in. And of these 40+ events, 13 of them are performed as MDARC.

In 2026, one of my goals, working with Larry Loomer, KI6LNB, is to have an easily accessible Sign-up sheet that lists MDARC's public service opportunities, number of required operators, and a place to add your name. This helps to know earlier, rather than later, that we have an adequate number of radio operators to provide the necessary communication operators to serve the event.

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Here is a link
https://www.mdarc.org/public-service

I want to say a few things about public service in general. When you think about it, the name says it all -- PUBLIC and SERVICE. Being a ham radio operator in your home, portable, mobile QTH is a lot of fun and we all do and enjoy it, but it is not really public. Sure, it is public in the sense that anybody can listen, but that typically is limited to other hams, and not the general public. Nearly every time a group of hams get together to talk about the state of our hobby, invariably the conversations comes around to the observation that amateur radio is not growing and is aging out. This is why I think PUBLIC in public service is so important because it "puts us out there" for many to see. That is great way to build interest.

In fact, that is how I first became interested in ham radio because a group of MDARC ham radio operators were supporting the Old Finley Road Aid Station for the 50k Diablo Trail Challenge. I was aid station captain for that event ….then a 50k point-to-point trail run from Round Valley Park to Castle Rock Park. It was during my conversations with them and they explained the differences between ham radio and GMRS that I began to think about getting my Technician license.

I should say something about the SERVICE aspect of public service because I think many will agree that with the use of cell phones and digital HTs used by event organizers, that the scope of the service has diminished over the years. Let's face it, in most locations …not all…aid station volunteers can perform the mundane traffic for food, supply needs, first arrivals, drops. So where is our biggest impact? This morning, I attended a meeting with about 30 active public service operators at the Marin Amateur Radio Society clubhouse. The main topic was to discuss the future role of DMR in public service, in which the San Francisco Radio Club has implemented as its primary communication mode for public service events. During that meeting, the conversation did include discussions on what service we provide to the event and one of the chief services was keeping track and reporting on the "stragglers" which we often refer to as the "last ten?

Time to sign off, but before I do, I want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and, since the CARRIER with not be published in December, to also wish you Happy Holidays.

73,

Larry Bradley, KK6QPE

MDARC Holiday Banquet
Back Forty Texas BBQ
CANCELLED
Appetizers will be served before dinner.
Dinner will be buffet style; Beef Brisket,
Rotisserie BBQ Chicken, Caesar Salad,
Fruit Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Fresh Veggies and dinner rolls.
Desserts will be provided by Pacificon

Due to lack of interest, I was forced to cancel the club holiday banquet for this year.

I understand the expense right now for food and venue is high like everything else.

Sorry I had to cancel this event.

73,

Julie Mah, WJ8MAH

ELECTION TIME !

It's MDARC election time! This year we are using an electronic application called Election Buddy that will let you vote on your phone or PC.

We are a unique Club with over 300 members that provides many activities and opportunities to participate in our hobby. At this time of the year, you have the opportunity to elect officers to the Board of Directors who are charged with providing direction to the Club and overseeing its finances. Board members are volunteers who are willing to serve for one or two years.

The Election Committee, responsible for conducting the election accepted nominations for Board officers until October 31st. After that date, the ballot is closed. An email from ElectionBuddy will then be sent to current members. You will recognize that this is a legitimate email coming from MDARC because the email sender will show as MDARC <invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com>. Take the time to read the candidate statements as well as the voting instructions and then make your selections and submit your ballot. It's Easy!

After voting you will receive an email confirmation that your vote has been submitted. Election results will be announced at the MDARC General Membership Meeting on November 21, 2025.

Here are the Board positions:

Position Term
President 1 year
Vice President 1 year
Secretary 1 year
Treasurer 1 year
Emergency Coordinator 1 year
Director at Large 2 years
Director at Large 2 years

Please contact a member of the Election Committee to ask questions.
On behalf of the Election Committee, thank you for your participation in this most important activity!

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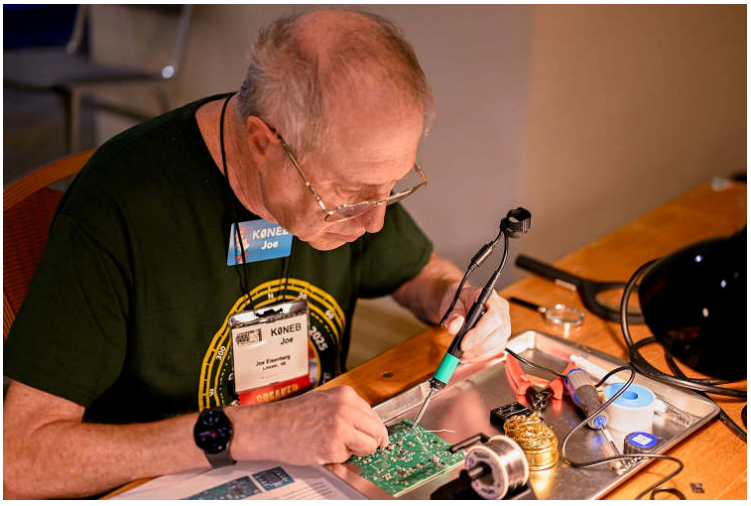
SCENES FROM

PACIFICON℠ 25 MDARC
SAN RAMON CA
AMATEUR RADIO CONVENTION

Photos courtesy Pete Harris, KE6ZIW and Barry Izeeks, K6ZA



MEETING MINUTES

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PUBLIC SERVICE

There are no more MDARC Public Service events scheduled for 2025. Please check back for more Public Service events scheduled for 2026.

LICENSE TESTING

License testing will be held at 5:30pm on Friday, November 21, 2025 prior to the MDARC Membership Meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette.

License testing will also be held on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton (Concord), at 9:00am.

Study well.

——— ***Larry Loomer, KI6LNB, Emergency Coordinator***

Tomas Ampil, KN6KVJ **Mark Cloud, W6SXA**
Randy Darden, KE6X **Barry Hosier, KE6GQI**
Peter Kerrigan, K6PJK **John O'Dea, KO6IAE**
Antonis Papatsaras, AA6PP **Mary Anne Perkins, KO6KXU**
James Stewart (license pending)
Kenneth Young, KO6JQP **Teri Young (license pending)**

If you hear these new members on the air, please welcome them to our club.
——— *Jan Kulisek, KM6NFC, Membership Chair*

Low-Cost Receivers for Digital Amateur Television Reception Available For Sale from Club Member KA3VDT

These are DVB-S2 receivers pre-programmed for our club's 1.2 GHz W6CX DATV repeater frequencies

Connect a 1.2 GHZ directional antenna, aim it at Mount Diablo's North Peak and watch the over the air repeater signal on your video monitor

Please contact Will Roberts at ka3vdt@gmail.com or visit http://laser66.com/ham/

To purchase a DATV transmitter, contact Fred Coe, WB6ASU, at wb6asu@icloud.com

AMPLITUDE MODULATION JAMBOREE NOV 28-30, 2025

Is this a contest? No!!! Instead, it is an operating event that promotes camaraderie and friendship amongst AM equipment operators. Where to Operate? ***All HF Bands!*** One point is awarded for each station worked on a specific band.
For more information, go to: https://www.aminternational.club/ami-jamboree/

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WINNERS

Winner of each category will be posted on this website.

CERTIFICATES

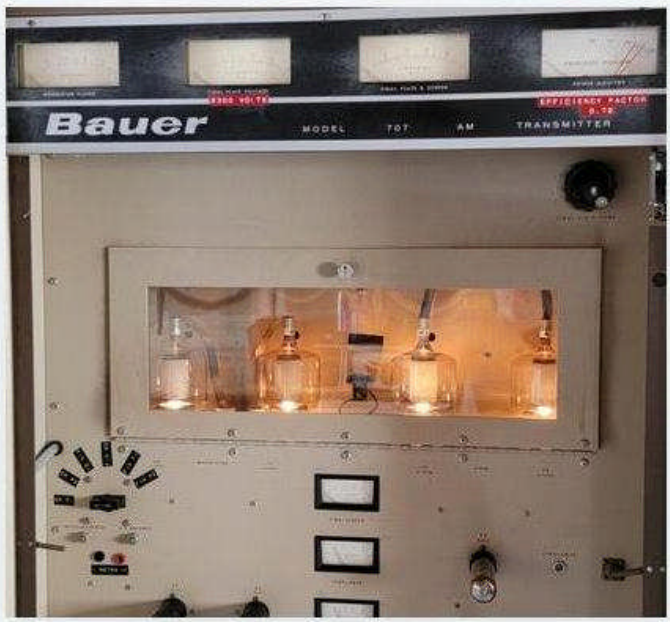
All participating operators that turn in logs will receive an event certificate.

EXCHANGE

Callsign – Name – QTH – Signal report – equipment. Don't be afraid to have a nice am qso with the folks you meet. Sit back enjoy the event.

SOCIAL MEDIA

I will be operating various pieces of gear at my qth. I operate a You Tube channel that will live stream/chat/record at times.



The Mount Diablo navigation beacon will be lit on Sunday evening December 7, 2025 in honor of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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FTM-510DRASP C4FM/FM 144/430MHz Dual Band Xcvr

• New Super-DX & ASP (Audio Digital Signal Processor Unit) • True Dual Bank Receive (V+V/U+U/V+U/U+V) • C4FM/C4FM Digital D-D Dual Receive • 2.4" High-Res Full-Color Touch-Panel Display • Wireless Operation Capability with Optional Bluetooth® Headset

FTX-1 Optima | HF/50/144/430MHz All Mode SDR Xcvr

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W6CX Nets

M-F 5:42 am Morning Muster 147.060+ 224.780- 441.325+

M-F 6:10am Commuter Net 147.060+ 224.780- 441.325+

Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+

Tuesday 7:30 pm Fat City 10 meter USB/CW Net 28.420 MHz

Tuesday 8:00pm Digital Practice Net 147.060+ 224.78- 441.325+

Wednesday 6:00pm American Legion Veteran's Net 147.060+

Wednesday 7:00 pm SKYWARN Net 147.060+

Wednesday 8:00pm Delta Amateur Radio Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 8:00 pm Digital Amateur Television Net 147.060+

Club Voice Repeaters (FM unless otherwise noted)
147.060 MHz + / PL 100Hz
224.780 MHz - / PL 77Hz 441.325 MHz + / PL 100Hz
EchoLink: W6CX-R /133896, IRLP: 3057
DMR Repeater 144.925 offset plus 2.5 MHz color code 1
D-STAR 145.000 offset plus 2.5 MHz
https://w6cx.dstargateway.org/

Contra Costa County Emergency Communications Nets
Every Thursday

6:30 pm HF Countywide 3.893 MHz LSB

6:45 pm West County 145.110-- (82.5 PL)

7:00 pm Central County 145.680 Simplex

7:00 pm East County 146.535 Simplex

7:00 pm South County 147.480 Simplex
7:20 pm Countywide 145.490-- (107.2 PL)
or 147.735-- (107.2 PL)
or 145.410-- (107.2 PL)

Concord Auxiliary Radio Emergency Service (CARES)
Wednesday 8:00pm 147.405 Simplex

Digital Amateur Television Repeater

Digital ATV Output: 1244.500
Digital ATV Inputs: 1292.500, 1273.0, 917.0, 430.0
Analog ATV Input: 1270.000 FM (PL 192.8)

November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 Club Calendar

Friday November 21, 2025 7:00pm MDARC General Meeting - Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

Saturday December 6, 2025 8:00am MDARC Technical Committee Meeting - VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Monday December 8, 2025 6:30pm MDARC Board of Directors Meeting - VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Saturday January 3, 2026 8:00am MDARC Technical Committee Meeting - VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Monday January 5, 2026 6:30pm MDARC Board of Directors Meeting - VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

APPENDIX

CONTAINS

Meeting Minutes

Balance Sheet
August 31, 2025

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Equipment Self-Ins Fund		$66,652.00
ESIF CD 1 (3578) (MATURES 9/28/25 4.00%)	$22,205.87	
ESIF CD 2 (8529) (MATURES 10/14/25 4.00%)	$44,446.13	
MDARC Savings		$28,479.83
SAVINGS (0.07%)	$10,006.28	
SAVINGS CD 1 (1478 (MATURES 11/20/2025 4.13%)	$18,473.55	
MDARC Checking		$71,703.05
Total Current Assets		$166,834.88
TOTAL ASSETS		**$166,834.88**
LIABILITIES		**$0.00**
NET ASSETS		**$166,834.88**
Increase/Decrease from prev month		$1,001.22

INCOME/EXPENSE YTD 2025 (JULY 31)

	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET
MDARC	$12,620.66	($17,730.14)	($5,109.48)
PACIFICON	$33,831.30	($9,202.95)	$24,628.35
TOTAL	**$46,451.96**	**($26,933.09)**	**$19,518.87**

CREDIT FEES YTD 2025 (JULY 31)

	GROSS	FEES	NET
MDARC	$8,393.00	($441.17)	$7,951.83
PACIFICON	$34,599.00	($2,102.48)	$32,496.52
TOTAL	**$42,992.00**	**($2,543.65)**	$40,448.35

Monthly Report - AUGUST 2025

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	MDARC	Pacificon	TOTAL
Credits			
Membership	$329.01		$329.01
Education			$0.00
Other	$136.59		$136.59
Repeater Donations			$0.00
Donations		$1,000.00	$1,000.00
Carrier			$0.00
Pacificon Registration		$7,326.19	$7,326.19
Pacificon Vendors/NP		$5,291.20	$5,291.20
Interest/Dividends	253.14		$253.14
Total Credits	$718.74	$13,617.39	$14,336.13
Debits			
Operations	$2,005.00	$97.85	
Field Day	$497.46		
Test Fees	$15.00		
Holiday Party	$1,614.50		
Pacificon 2025 Adv Pmt		$9,000.00	
Pacificon Registration supplies		$105.10	
Total Debits	$4,131.96	$9,202.95	$13,334.91
Change in Net Assets			**$1,001.22**

MDARC INCOME	PACIFICON INCOME	MDARC EXP	PACIFICON EXP
Membership	Registration	EP Monthly Fee & property tax	Google workspace
Interest/Dividends	Vendors	Unwired monthly fee	Constant Contact
Test Fees	Donation	Rodie's	Pacificon 2025 advance payment to SR Marriott
Ticket Sales		Test Fees	Registration label paper
		Holiday Party	
		Field Day	
		Van Gas	
		Robert LaRue	

Balance Sheet

September 30, 2025

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Equipment Self-Ins Fund		$67,496.56
ESIF CD 1 (3578) (MATURES 12/28/25 3.348%)	$22,906.93	
ESIF CD 2 (8529) (MATURES 10/14/25 3.928%)	$44,589.63	
MDARC Savings		$28,541.56
SAVINGS (0.07%)	$10,006.53	
SAVINGS CD 1 (1478) (MATURES 11/20/2025 4.049%)	$18,535.03	
MDARC Checking		$83,806.62
Total Current Assets		$179,844.74
TOTAL ASSETS		**$179,844.74**
LIABILITIES		**$0.00**
NET ASSETS		**$179,844.74**
Increase/Decrease from prev month		$13,009.86

MDARC Board of Directors Meeting
October 6, 2025

Held at Zoom online

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Larry Bradley KK6QPE after it was determined that there was a quorum for conducting Club business.

2. Roll Call: Attendees via Zoom screen shots:

Officers: Larry Bradley KK6QPE, President; Brian Lotter KM6NGS, Secretary; Barbara Whysong K6WHY, Treasurer; Larry Loomer KI6LNB, Emergency Coordinator; Mark Fehlig WA6NGC, Director at Large; Mike Warren W6MEW, Director at Large.

Committee Chairs/Coordinator: Grant Bowman K6CBK; Jan Kulisek KM6NFC.

Guests: Mike Patterson N6JGA; Dave WA6UHA.

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: The minutes of the September Board of Directors Meeting were approved since no objections were heard.

4. Adopt Tonight's Agenda: The agenda was adopted since no objections were heard.

5. Officer reports:

a. President Larry Bradley KK6QPE – He announced that he will be in Oregon for one month starting November 11.

b. Vice-President Michael Papp WB6GJE – Had no Vice-President's report but stated, in an email, that "As an FYI, I do not intend to run for VP in the upcoming election. I will present a list of potential speakers to the next VP so as to arrange for speakers in early 2026."

c. Secretary Brian Lotter KM6NGS – Had no report.

d. Treasurer Barbara Whysong K6WHY – Barbara presented the following report.

Note to Mathew: Please insert the file "September_ 2025 BALANCE Sheet.pdf" here.

Larry KK6QPE announced that we will have a truncated business meeting at PACIFICON, so any reports should be submitted via groups.io because we don't share internal club business at these meetings.

6. Emergency Coordinator Report: Larry KI6LNB had no report.

7. Directors at large reports:

Mike Warren W6MEW – Had no report.

Trevor Hall WA6JAU – Had no report.

Mark Fehlig WA6NGC – Had no report.

Cal Vasquez K6VT – Had no report.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Auction: No report was expected.

b. Communications Trailer: There was no report.

c. Digital Media: Grant Bowman K6CBK stated that he had done a lot of updates but had nothing specific to report.

f. Education and Training: Larry KK6QPE had nothing to report.

g. Election Committee: Larry KK6QPE announced that he, Barb K6WHY and Benjo KA6BJS had met to discuss the direction that they will go for the upcoming election.

h. Field Day: No report was expected.

i. Holiday Banquet: No report was expected.

j. License Testing: Larry KI6LNB stated that they are working on getting enough VE's for PACIFICON testing sessions.

k. Membership: Jan KM6NFC presented the following numbers; Paying members (individual & primary), 259; all current members incl. family and additional, 318; new members this year, 21; renewals last 30 days, 8; past due (excluding family members), 66; lifetime + Honorary members, 12.

l. Mesh Committee: There was no report.

m. Outreach: No report was expected.

n. PACIFICON: Larry KK6QPE stated that registration numbers are greater than last year at this time.

. Programs: Michael WB6GJE submitted his report via email as follows “a. Our speaker for the MDARC General Membership Meeting, Michelle Thompson, will appear in person at the Pacificon meeting. I have instructed members of the Pacificon Committee/staff to arrange for insuring she is aware of where the meeting will be held, and to provide any equipment/facilities needed for her to conduct her presentation. b. Our speaker for November, Steve Stroh, is confirmed. I will post his picture/bio/presentation title here on groups.io later this week or early next week. He will be giving his presentation remotely via Zoom.”
p. Public Service: Larry stated that there is a public service event called the Diablo Summit Stomp on the 18th. A complete list of events can be found on the MDARC website under the Public Service tab. Larry KK6QPE suggested that we add a signup page to our website, similar to what the Marin Amateur Radio Society has on their website.
q. Radio Lending Library: There was no report.
r. Rocky Ridge Repeater (Tech): There was no report.
s. Scholarship: No report was expected.

9. Future Meetings:

General Meeting: 10/10/2025 will be a hybrid, in-person and online.
Board Meeting 11/03/2025 on Zoom only.

10. Unfinished Business:

10.1 Should we provide MDARC club name tags for new members, existing members, etc.: This has been deferred to the 2026 Board.
10.2 Has the webpage been updated? How can members indicate that they prefer to be anonymous? This has been deferred to 2026.
10.3 Asset List: Inventory vs Asset? Dollar cutoff amount. STATUS REPORT; this has been deferred until 2026.
10.4 $3,500 anonymous donation to MDARC: what to use it for, etc.: This will be discussed again at the November Board Meeting.
10.5 Board nametags: This has been deferred to the 2026 Board.
10.6 Repeater donations: Barbara had no update at this time.
10.7 Renewing Members nametag option: This will be discussed again at the November Board Meeting.
10.8 2026 Board officers, Nominations and Election: Larry KK6QPE announced the election rules as follows;

Nominations until 10/31/25

Ballot finalized on 11/01/25

ElectionBuddy ballot sent to members using MDARC database (319 members: 6 members do not list an email =no ballot)

Ballots can be submitted up to 11/21/25…. General Membership Meeting

Members who have not yet voted can do so at the General Membership Meeting, 11/21/25

Election results announced at the General Membership Meeting, 11/21/25

10.9 Summary Log of Motions Passed/Not Passed: Brian stated that he had completed the document for the years 2021 to 2025 and that there is some difficulty with older minutes.

11 New Business:

11.1 Retroactive approval to purchase table linens for Pacificon: Barbara K6WHY seconded by Mike W6MEW, proposed a motion to spend $893.25 for additional table linens and up to $700.00 for table rentals for PACIFICON. The motion was unanimously approved.
11.2 Board approval to submit Fictitious Business Name for Pacificon to the County, and to publish in the newspaper. Barb K6WHY explained that if someone sends a check made out to PACIFICON, the bank won’t accept it because we don’t have a fictitious business name on file with them. In order to do that. She needs to file a fictitious business name (PACIFICON) with the county and publish it in the newspaper for four weeks. The whole process will have a one-time cost of about $150.00. Barb K6WHY seconded by Mike W6MEW, proposed a motion to spend up to $150 to satisfy the bank requirement for a fictitious business name for PACIFICON and to file with the county and publish it in the newspaper. The motion was passed unanimously.
11.3 Letters to Congress campaign: Mike N6JGA showed a form letter, from a club, in support of the HOA bill to Congress, that needs to be signed by at least one Board Member. Mike agreed to poll the Board Members to see who will be at PACIFICON and produce three copies of the letter to be signed by those members at PACIFICON. Mike W6MEW seconded by Brian KM6NGS proposed a motion to approve this letter to our two senators and representative, regarding the H.R. 1094 and Senate bill S.459 to be approved by the board. The motion was carried.

11.4 Holiday Banquet: Details can be found on the webpage.
11.5 Add verbiage to the MDARC registration section that indicates that an email address is optional, but without an email address, they will not receive a ballot to elect MDARC Board members and other important information from the club: Larry KK6QPE asked Grant and Jan to consider adding this to the registration page of the website so that people understand that this is what happens whey they don't include their email address to their profile.

12. Good of the order: Nothing was heard.

13. Adjournment:

Mike W6MEW seconded by Brian KM6NGS, proposed a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:13pm.
Respectfully submitted by
Brian Lotter KM6NGS
Secretary, October 26, 2025.
These meeting minutes were signed digitally due to the digital meeting.